

Fort Sumter Museum Scavenger Hunt

1. What date was the first shot of the Civil War fired? **April 12, 1861**
2. Which fort fired the first shot?- **Fort Johnson**
3. What type of artillery fired the first shot?- **mortar**
4. How long did the bombardment last?- **34 hours**
5. Who controlled Fort Sumter the next 4 years?- **Confederacy**
6. How long did the Federal/Union siege of Charleston last?- **587 days**
7. On what date did Confederate troops evacuate Fort Sumter? – **February 17, 1865**

America's Coastal Defense

8. Fort Sumter was built after which war?- **The War of 1812**
9. Who was president during this war?- **James Madison**
10. Fort Sumter's guns were meant to cross fire with which other fort in Charleston Harbor? -
Fort Moultrie
11. The British attack on which U.S. city during the war of 1812 prompted the building of the
3rd system of United States Coastal Defense? - **Washington D.C.**
12. Charleston was known as the what of the Low Country?- **London of the Low Country**
13. How many forts were proposed as part of the 1826 report?- **19**
14. How many tons of material were used to build the island Fort Sumter?- **70,000**
15. Name 2 materials used to create the island- **granite, rock, sand, shell**
16. What shape is Fort Sumter? – **pentagon**
17. Look at the model of Fort Sumter, name 3 differences between the fort in 1861 and today

18. How many men and guns could Fort Sumter hold?- **635 men and 135 cannon**

19. How many acres is Fort Sumter? – **2.4 acres**

A New Fort Called Sumter

20. Who is Fort Sumter named after? –**Thomas Sumter**

21. What was his nickname?- **The Gamecock of the Revolution**

22. What war did he fight in?- **Revolutionary War**

23. How many tiers was Fort Sumter originally?- **3**

24. How many cannon were mounted at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861? – **60**

25. How many bricks were used to build the Fort? – **7 million**

26. How tall and how wide were the walls of Sumter?- **50 feet high and 5 feet wide**

27. Why was Fort Sumter only 90% complete by 1860? – **funding and building up the sandbar**

28. Find the tabby in the display case, what material is it made out of? – **lime, shells and water**

29. What were the slate shingles in the display case used for? – **roofing the barracks and officers' quarters**

Fort Sumter Becomes a Powder Keg

30. What did South Carolina militia do in response to Major Anderson's move from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter? – **they took over federal installations**

31. What book was used to train soldiers? – **Rifle and Rifle Practice**

32. Why was controlling Fort Sumter so important? – **whoever controlled the fort controlled access to Charleston Harbor**

33. When was Anderson posted to Charleston? – **November 11, 1860**

34. What state was Major Anderson from? – **Kentucky**
35. Where was his wife from? – **Georgia**
36. Why was his heritage important?- **He was southern and therefore reassuring to South Carolinians**
37. On what date did Anderson move his garrison from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter? –
12/26/1860
38. At which military college in Charleston did South Carolina militia drill? – **The Citadel**
39. In addition to the Forts, which other installation did South Carolina troops capture? – **the Federal arsenal**
40. What was the name of the supply ship Citadel cadets fired on in January 1861? - **Star of the West**
41. Who commanded the Confederate troops in Charleston in March 1861- **PGT Beauregard**
42. Where did the women and children go after they left Fort Sumter in February 1861? –
New York
43. What new concept did South Carolina forces use? – **Floating batteries**

America on the Verge of War

44. What political issues were dividing the nation in 1860? – **slavery/ states rights**
45. What 2 cash crops drove the Southern economy in this era? – **tobacco and cotton**
46. What was the Northern economy based on? – **industry/ manufacturing**
47. What was Abraham Lincoln's position about slavery? – **opposed to its expansion**
48. On what date did South Carolina secede from the United States? – **12/20/1860**
49. How many states in total seceded? – **11**

50. Which novel, written by Harriet Beecher Stowe, became a power voice against slavery? –

Uncle Tom's Cabin

51. Where did the Democratic Party's National Meeting (presidential nominating convention) take place in April 1860? – **Charleston**

52. What political party did Abraham Lincoln represent? – **Republican**

53. Who was his running mate in 1860? – **Hannibal Hamlin**

54. Look at the Lincoln/ Hamlin election poster, create your own Lincoln/ Hamlin bumper sticker or poster: Think about the political climate and the biggest political issues in the 1860 election:

55. When was the provisional government of the Confederate States of America formed?

February 1861

56. Who did they elect as president? – **Jefferson Davis**

57. Read Mrs. Davis's quote about her husband's reaction to his election- why do you think he reacted this way?

58. In 1858 Lincoln states in a famous speech that he believes the union can no longer do what? – **continue as half slave and half free**

Confederates Fire on Sumter

- 59. What had Confederate troops done to Fort Sumter by April 12, 1861?- **surrounded it**
- 60. What did the confederate Government tell Beauregard to do to avoid war?- **demand evacuation of Fort Sumter or reduce it**
- 61. Who has been incorrectly credited with firing the 1st shot of the Civil War?- **Edmund Ruffin**
- 62. How many Confederate cannons and mortars fired on Fort Sumter? – **30 cannon and 17 mortars**
- 63. Who fired the first Union shot?- **Colonial Abner Doubleday**
- 64. How many shells were fired on Fort Sumter? – **77,000**
- 65. Where did U.S. supply ships wait for Anderson's garrison- **outside the harbor**

A Surrender at Sumter

- 66. What happened to the Fort Sumter Barracks on the 1st day of the battle?- **caught fire 3 times**
- 67. What type of cannon shot did Confederate troops at Fort Moultrie fire on Fort Sumter on April 13th? – **hot shot**
- 68. On what date did Major Anderson surrender? –**April 14, 1861**
- 69. Who first negotiated Major Anderson's surrender without authorization?- **Colonial Louis Wigfall**
- 70. What were the terms of surrender negotiated by General Beauregard?- **Major Anderson could evacuate Fort Sumter with his garrison and take small arms and personal property as well as salute and take his flag**

Palmetto Guard Flag

71. What was the first Confederate flag to fly over Fort Sumter?- **Palmetto Guard Flag**

72. What was the Palmetto Guard?- **Charleston Militia Unit**

73. What flag was raised later in the day on April 14, 1861?- **1st National Flag of the Confederacy or Stars and Bars**

No Turning Back

74. How many volunteers did President Lincoln call for on April 15, 1861?- **75,000**

75. What 4 states joined the Confederacy after Lincoln's call for volunteers?- **Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas**

76. On April 19th Lincoln ordered what?- **a blockade of the Southern coast**

77. What would this blockade accomplish? – **prevent the Confederacy from trading with other countries for war materials**

Sumter Under Fire

78. Why were the Columbiad cannon unusable? – **they did not have the proper fuses**

79. What confederate submarine was the first to successfully sink an enemy ship?- **H.L. Hunley**

80. What was the Hunley made out of?- **iron**

81. What type of weapon made the Hunley so deadly?- **torpedo mounted on the front**

82. What were friction primers used for? – **igniting the cannon's powder charge**

83. What did Thomas Rodman develop? – **a new casting process the strengthen the gun bore**

84. What was the first rifled cannon used in American warfare? – **English Blakely**

85. How many 300 pound Parrot rifles were used during the Civil War?- **3**

Fort Sumter Becomes a Symbol

86. What did Fort Sumter symbolize to the North and the South? – **For the South it was an emblem of independence and strengthened their resolve to resist the north, for the Union it represented the Confederacy itself**

87. Why was Fort Sumter strategically important?- **Confederate control of the Fort kept the port open for Confederate supplies**

Federal Forces Lay Siege to Charleston

88. When did Union forces capture Port Royal? – **November 7, 1861**

89. What happened on June 16, 1862?- **Battle of Secessionville on James Island**

90. What Union commander led the 9 Federal ironclads in their assault of Charleston Harbor on April 7, 1863? – **Rear Admiral Dupont**

91. What was the name of the U.S.S. Ironclad that sank?- **U.S.S. Keokuk**

92. Look at the Keokuk model, how many shots hit the boat before it sank?- **90**

93. On what date did the Keokuk sink?- **April 8, 1863**

Major Anderson Portrait

94. At which military college did Major Anderson serve as an artillery instructor? – **West Point**

95. What wars did Anderson serve in?- **2nd Seminole and Mexican – American War**

96. What rank was Anderson promoted to after the Battle of Fort Sumter? – **Brigadier General**

97. What did Major Anderson do at Fort Sumter on April 14, 1865? – **re-raised his storm flag**

The Siege Continues

98. What was the Federal/Union strategy after the ironclad failure? – **combined land/sea siege**

99. What fortification on Morris Island was Fort Sumter's principle outpost? - **Fort Wagner**

100. What famous unit led the assault on Battery 'Wagner on July 18, 1863? - **54th Massachusetts**

101. Who commanded the 54th Massachusetts? - **Colonial Robert Shaw**

102. What percentage of men did the 54th lose in the attack? – **42%**

103. Who lead Union forces in an effort to capture Morris Island between 1863-1864? - **Quincy Gilmore and Rear Admiral Dahlgren**

104. What new piece of artillery did Gilmore use to bombard Fort Sumter and Charleston? - **rifled cannon**

Life Under Siege

105. What was like for Confederate troops at Fort Sumter? – **dug trenches as Fort was destroyed around them**

106. How many men of colored enlisted in the Union Army? – **170,000**

107. How did Confederate troops use slaves? – **laborers, to repair forts and equipment, and pass messages**

108. What did Union troops do to Sumter between September 1863 and September 1864? - **bombarded the Fort intermittently**

109. What happened at Fort Sumter on December 11, 1863? – **the powder magazine exploded**

110. How did the Confederate troops fortify the channel side of Fort Sumter? – **Palmetto logs**

- 111. How large was Major Anderson's storm flag? – **10 x 20**
- 112. What happened to the flag pole on April 13, 1861 during the battle of Fort Sumter? – **a projectile hit the flag pole**
- 113. Where did the flag go after the battle? – **New York**

Stalemate Reaches an End

- 114. Which general's move from Savannah to Columbia cut Fort Sumter supplies broke to stalemate for the Fort? – **General William T. Sherman**
- 115. On what date did the Civil War end? – **April 9, 1865**
- 116. Did the Confederate troops ever surrender any of the fortifications in Charleston Harbor? – **no**
- 117. What happened at Fort Sumter on April 14, 1865? – **Major Anderson re-raised his storm flag**
- 118. On what date did Confederate troops evacuate Fort Sumter? – **February 17, 1865**
- 119. What events contributed to Charleston being in ruins by 1865? – **There was a fire in 1861 and the Union bombardment from 1863-1864**
- 120. What were popular in 1865? – **souvenirs from Fort Sumter**

Fort Sumter after the Civil War

- 121. Who facilitated the clean-up of Fort Sumter? – **Quincy A. Gilmore**
- 122. Why did the clean-up of Fort Sumter stop in 1876? – **shortage of funds**
- 123. What was placed at Fort Sumter in 1899- **2 breech loading guns on Battery Huger**

124. What made these static forts obsolete? – **amphibious landings and air attacks during World War II**
125. When was Fort Sumter decommissioned? – **1947**
126. When did it become a National Monument? – **July 12, 1948**
127. What war prompted the building of Battery Huger? – **Spanish- American War**

Uncovering the Past

128. What did archeologist do after the Fort was turned over to the National Park Service?- **excavate to parade ground section of the Fort**
129. Describe 3 things that the excavation of Fort Sumter uncovered